

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 29 and 33 to 37 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control apparatus connected to a color printer and a monochromatic printer, said ~~image processing~~ print control apparatus comprising:

a first discrimination unit that discriminates ~~whether a page, for each of a plurality of pages~~ in a single print job ~~consisting of a plurality of pages, whether the page is a color page or a monochromatic page, the single print job being issued based on a single print request;~~

a determination unit that determines whether the page is to be output to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer, based on a discrimination made by said first discrimination unit;

an output unit that outputs print data of the page to the printer based on a determination made by said determination unit;

an obtaining unit that obtains information about what kind of paper ejection function is provided in the color printer and in the monochromatic printer;

a second discrimination unit that discriminates whether or not a succeeding page is serial to a page previously outputted by the printer; and

an adding unit that adds, to the print data to be output by said output unit, an ejection command, based on a discrimination made by said second discrimination unit and the ejection function information obtained by said obtaining unit, such that an ejection position is changed in an ejection manner according to the ejection function provided in the printer selected by said determination unit, when ~~[[a]]~~ the succeeding page is not serial to the page previously outputted by that printer.

30. to 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control method for use in an image processing apparatus that is connected to a color printer and a monochromatic printer, said method comprising the steps of:

a first discriminating step for discriminating ~~whether a page, for each of a plurality of pages~~ in a single print job ~~consisting of a plurality of pages, whether the page~~ is a color page or a monochromatic page, the single print job being issued based on a single print request;

a determination step for determining whether the page is to be output to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer, based on a discrimination made in said first discriminating step;

an output step for outputting print data of the page to the printer based on a determination made in said determination step;

an obtaining step for obtaining information about what kind of paper ejection function is provided in the color printer and in the monochromatic printer;

a second discrimination step that discriminates whether or not a succeeding page is serial to a page previously outputted by the printer; and

an adding step for adding, to the print data to be output in said output step, an ejection command, based on a discrimination made in said second discrimination step and the ejection function information obtained in said obtaining step, such that an ejection position is changed in an ejection manner according to the ejection function provided in the printer selected by said determination unit, when [[a]] the succeeding page is not serial to the page previously outputted by that printer.

34. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding unit is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding unit is a command for ejection to another bin.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

37. (Currently Amended) ~~An image processing~~ A print control method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for ejection to another bin.